

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY GROUP

March 27, 2003
MAG Office
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Greg Binder, Phoenix, Chair

*Kevin Hinderleider¹, Avondale

**Jim Keen for Betsy Wise¹, Carefree

Pat McDermott, Chandler

**Mike Ciccarone¹, Fountain Hills

*Shawn Woolley², Gilbert

Ajay Joshi for Jerry Wightman, Glendale

John Imig¹, Goodyear

Cary Parker², Maricopa County

Shirl Butler, Mesa

*Duncan Miller¹, Paradise Valley

Ralph Spencer, Peoria

*Kazi Haque, Queen Creek

*Kevin Sonoda, Scottsdale

**Randy Jackson, Surprise

*John Laue¹, Tempe

Bruce Johnson¹ for Ralph Velez, Tolleson

*Karen Stricklin, ADOT

Randi Alcott¹, RPTA

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Timlin, El Mirage

Brad Tritle, GITA

**Mark Johnson, Guadalupe

Mark Goldstein, IRC

David Haines, Kimley-Horn and Associates

John Chambers, Kimley-Horn and Associates

Audrey Skidmore, MAG

Debbie Kohn, MAG Telecommunications Assoc.

Heidi Pahl, MAG

Rita Walton, MAG

Linda Bauerle, Norstan

**Participated via telephone conference call.

1 RVS Site Coordinator

2 RVS Backup Site Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair, Greg Binder. Voting members Mike Ciccarone, Jim Keen and Randy Jackson attended via telephone conference call. All members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of February 27, 2003 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Pat McDermott seconded by Ralph Spencer and unanimously recommended to approve the February 27, 2003 meeting minutes.

3. Announcements and Public Input

Shirl Butler announced that he presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Jim Hull who has returned to work and is feeling better.

As part of the Information Sharing Working Group, Cary Parker presented a brief overview of videoconferencing in the courts. Cary Parker said that the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has two H.323 videoconference units. Mr. Parker explained that the Justice of the Peace (JP) Courts have fifteen H.323 units used for arraignments and hearings. He noted that the town of Wickenburg uses the Wickenburg JP's videoconference unit for court purposes.

Mr. Parker noted that MCSO has one H.320 videoconference unit that is owned by Scottsdale. He said that Scottsdale and possibly Mesa are using it for initial appearances, hearings, and arraignments. He explained the procedure for the city, defendant, Judge and MCSO when using videoconferencing between the courts and MCSO. He added that videoconferencing in MCSO is labor intensive, i.e., a deputy or detention officer must be present with the inmate for the proceeding, and all scheduling and resources need to be committed in advance of the hearing. The City of Scottsdale has a police officer go to the jail and assist with Scottsdale inmates during city court proceedings. If a city is interested in participating they can contact Cary Parker directly. Mr. Parker stated that he would get the correct contact information.

Cary Parker stated that there is currently no feasible way for the H.320 videoconference units at MAG to talk to H.323 units. He noted that the H.323 units run on the County ethernet network backbone. He added that the H.323 units will be provided to all County JP Courts within six months to a year.

Greg Binder asked if MCSO was open to expanding the program. Cary Parker said that he cannot respond on behalf of MCSO but that he would find out.

Debbie Kohn announced that Brad Tritle is leaving Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) effective March 28, 2003. She expressed thanks to Mr. Tritle for all of his work on the MAGTAG, Regional Telecommunications Strategic Planning (RTSP) working group, and Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council (ATIC). She said he will be very missed.

Pat Timlin announced that El Mirage is looking at e-government with an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system for online and telephone interaction and payments. Greg Binder stated that he would have the City of Phoenix IVR contact get in touch with Mr. Timlin. Other TAG members noted that they could assist.

Mark Goldstein announced that the Annual Government Technology Forum is May 20-21 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. Mr. Goldstein added that the Community Information and Telecommunications Alliance (CITA) has formed a new Arizona Cyber Security Alliance to help small and medium businesses and non-profits address rising information security threats.

4. Regional Community Network Study

Debbie Kohn gave a presentation on the Regional Community Network (RCN) Study. Ms. Kohn reviewed the purposes and status of the Study, gave an overview of the RCN Initiative Implementation Plan and discussed the timeline to completion. Debbie Kohn stated that they are in the process of incorporating review group comments. She noted that the RCN Implementation Plan will be sent to the MAGTAG and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) committees the first week of April, 2003.

Greg Binder asked for the TAG implications of recommending/approving the RCN Study next month. Audrey Skidmore replied that the ITS committee wants to take the RCN Study to Regional Council. She added that the TAG needs to decide what it wants to do. Ms. Skidmore stated that the Study will be given to the Intergovernmental Coordinators and discussed at the Intergovernmental Coordinator meeting the first week in April.

Greg Binder asked if there is active interest to do some of the tasks in the RCN project. Audrey Skidmore stated that there are parts of the Study that do not involve a lot of funding and would be valuable to begin work on. She added that MAG is giving each member agency a lengthy time for review and comment, to pass around the RCN Study and discuss internally within each agency.

Mark Goldstein said that MAGTAG may want to accept the Study without committing to the full recommendation. Mr. Goldstein asked what the sources are for the \$27 million. He said it may be interesting to explore selling network. He asked what the legal issues are associated with selling network. Audrey Skidmore explained that the RCN Study has a legal review that is summarized in section four of the Implementation Plan but that she was not qualified to speak to the legal ramifications. She added that there is no funding currently identified for implementation of this project.

5. Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) Update

Brad Tritle announced that the National Communications System (NCS) has been moved to the new Department of Homeland Security and information about them can be found at www.ncs.gov. Mr. Tritle added that several of the NCS services such as the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP), Wireless Priority Service (WPS) and Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) programs may be of interest to member agencies and Maricopa County. Cary Parker stated that the Maricopa County Sheriffs Office and Emergency Management are participating in the TSP program. John Imig announced that Dan Gordon at Qwest sent an e-mail about emergency preparedness and that if anyone wants a copy of the e-mail they can contact him or Dan Gordon.

Brad Tritle gave an update on the Community Telecom Assessments (CTA)-Phase 2, the Broadband Availability Study, and the Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council (ATIC) Strategic Planning document titled, Connecting Arizona. Mr. Tritle distributed the ATIC Connecting Arizona document and information on the CTAs.

Brad Tritle stated that the Broadband Technology Study was Phase I and the CTAs were Phase II of the same program. He said the legislature has set aside some money to assist smaller and rural cities with telecommunications deployment, understanding infrastructure, and markets in their community. Mr. Tritle said that the Broadband Technology Study deals with four components: costs, financing, technologies and policies. He noted that the costing model is done but not available for distribution yet. Mr. Tritle said that three consultants were chosen for the CTAs: Acres Pacomm Telecommunications Consulting Group, Brunetti DEC and Manweiler Telecom Consulting. He added that the consultants had to prove that they have done this type of work in the past. He explained that the 13 applicants were ranked and the goal is to provide funding for the first six. He added that some MAG members applied for the CTA funding.

Pat Timlin asked if the funding model is available on the web site. Brad Tritle responded that it will be made available to the public soon and that he will provide the URL. Pat Timlin asked if there was additional funding for after the CTA. Brad Tritle clarified that the funding implementation plan is dependant on CTA recommendation and business model recommended. The State will explore Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA) assistance to communities should they choose to implement a municipally-owned model. Brad Tritle noted that in Arizona, the Arizona Corporation Commission does not regulate public sector telecommunications providers.

6. Review of MAGTAG Working Group Sessions

Randy Jackson had nothing to report for the Information Sharing Working Group.

Pat McDermott said that the Additional Sites and Outreach (ASAO) Working Group will meet directly following the MAGTAG meeting and will be receiving a presentation from Wainhouse Research on Deploying Videoconferencing over IP Networks. He invited any interested MAGTAG members to attend this presentation.

Cary Parker said that the RTSP Working Group met on Tuesday, March 25th. He said they heard a presentation regarding San Diego's "Bandwidth Bay" wired buildings project. He added that at the meeting, Brad Tritle gave a brief overview of the State Broadband Technologies Availability Study results. Mr. Parker mentioned that the group then discussed the direction of MAGTAG at the last meeting and made several changes to the draft recommendation. He announced that the Working Group plans to present its final recommendation at the April MAGTAG meeting.

7. Date of Future Meetings

Greg Binder said that the next meeting is April 24, 2003 from 10 AM to noon.

The MAGTAG meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM to ensure members could attend the Deploying Videoconferencing over IP Networks presentation by Wainhouse Research.